

**THE NORTH HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION
5 LINSLEY STREET
NORTH HAVEN, CONNECTICUT
MINUTES**

Date: April 10, 2014
7:15 p.m.

THIS MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT CENTRAL OFFICE, 5 LINSLEY STREET, NORTH HAVEN, CT 06473

Attendance at this REGULAR Meeting: Anita Anderson, Wesley O'Brien, Randi Petersen, Alicia Clapp, Bryan Bogen, Jennifer Caldwell, Matthew Kerzner, Goldie Adele, Jennifer Cecarelli, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, and Kristine Carling, Director of Finance, Operations, and Human Resources

Motion: to add a motion to add the resignation of Gary Parr, Special Education teacher effective the end of the 2013-2014 school year Approved

MOVED: Wesley O'Brien
SECOND: Randi Petersen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

1. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of the Minutes of March 6, 2014

Moved: to approve the items under the Consent Agenda Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Wesley O'Brien
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Items Removed from Consent Agenda:

2. Student Reports

Jake Houston reported the following:

- 4th quarter began yesterday
- Juniors and Seniors are preparing for the AP Exams
- May 9, 2014 Senior Prom – bids are currently for sale
- Music Department trip to Montreal is scheduled for May 1-4, 2014
- Sophomores and Juniors have the opportunity to sign up and take courses at Yale first semester next year
- Seniors have been hearing back from colleges, and most seniors have made their final decision on where they will be attending college.

3. Chairman's Report

1. Approval of the retirement of June Pinto, Social Studies teacher at North Haven High School

Moved: to approve the retirement of June Pinto, Social Studies teacher at North Haven High School Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Jennie Caldwell
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

2. Approval of the retirement of Robert Iverson, Career Resource Aide at North Haven High School

Moved: to approve the retirement of Robert Iverson, Career Resource Aide at North Haven High School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Jennie Caldwell
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

3. Approval to grant Diana Boroski, Grade 2 teacher at Montowese Elementary School a leave of absence for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Boroski will return to her regular assignment in August 2014.

Moved: to grant Diana Boroski, Grade 2 teacher at Montowese Elementary School a leave of absence for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year

Approved

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner
SECOND: Bryan Bogen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

4. Approval of the retirement of Donna Kilijanski, para-professional at Green Acres Elementary School

Moved: to approve the retirement of Donna Kilijanski, para-professional at Green Acres Elementary School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Jennie Caldwell
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

5. Approval of the retirement of Ralph Signore, custodian at North Haven Middle School

Moved: to approve the retirement of Ralph Signore, custodian at North Haven Middle School

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Jennie Caldwell
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

6. Approval of the proposed 2014-2015 District Calendar

Moved: to approve the proposed 2014-2015 District Calendar

Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Cecarelli
SECOND: Goldie Adele
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

7. Approval of the North Haven High School Graduation date of June 19, 2014

Moved: to approve the North Haven High School Graduation date of June 19, 2014 Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Randi Petersen
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

8. Discussion of the possibility of changing the times of the Board of Education Meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the 2014-2015 school year

The Board agreed unanimously to change the time permanently from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. for the 2014-2015 school year.

4. Report of Standing Committees

a. Finance and Operations

1. Director of Finance and Operation's Report

Mr. Bogen reported that the Finance & Operations Committee met this evening. Mr. Bogen stated that the current budget is on track and meeting all obligations to date. Mr. Bogen reported that the insurance company has reimbursed the district for both the pipe bursting incident and the roof issues at the Middle School.

2. Approval of the 2013-2014 Monthly Financial Report

Moved: to approve the 2013-2014 monthly financial report Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

b. Curriculum, Instruction and Planning

1. Approval of North Haven High Schools, Future Problem Solvers Field trip to Iowa State University June 11-15, 2014

Moved: to approve the North Haven High Schools Future Problem Solvers Field trip to Iowa State University June 11-15, 2014 Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Jennifer Cecarelli
AYE: 8
NAY: 1
ABSTAIN: 0

Jennifer Caldwell voted against this due to the cost to the students.

2. Approval of Ridge Road Elementary School field trip to
Old Sturbridge Village on June 10, 2014

Moved: to approve the Ridge Road Elementary School field trip to Old Sturbridge
Village on June 10, 2014

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Clapp reported:

- The group had a discussion led by Jill Metz around Civics textbooks. They approved the text Government Alive!

Jill Metz shared issues with the current Psychology textbook due to the date of publication being old. She will bring a textbook proposal to the group in May for discussion.
 - Field Trip: Future Problem Solvers Field Trip was approved- the group discussed having Paul Castiglione stay at the middle school and having Tom Marak and Josh Anderson serve as the chaperones. There was a conversation about the need for a full bus or coach with so few students attending. If a parent chaperone is attending we will do a background check.
 - Field Trip- Grade 5 Contemporary Ridge Road to Sturbridge was approved.
 - Smarter Balanced Assessment update- Testing going much smoother and better than expected- as well as students finishing quicker- Mrs. McKenna reported that we have approached this in a balanced way- allowing opt outs.
 - Kindergarten Registration Process- Mrs. McKenna shared that we are creating a process district-wide for all schools. Students will participate in child centered developmentally appropriate activities.
 - Nature's Classroom Permission Letter- Mrs. Carling and Mrs. McKenna shared a revised Nature's Classroom permission slip that will be sent home with students who are attending this year. Background checks are being done on parent chaperones who will be attending.
 - Sue Bass shared her proposal for AP Language & Composition text- Language and Composition : The Art of Voice- the group approved this request.
 - The group discussed Summer School Programs that the district has been offering over the past couple of years. We will continue as we have in the past and Sue Bass will report out to the Board in August. We will look to find ways to assist families with tuition to open these opportunities up to more students.
 - Mrs. Carling shared information about Adult Education and potential savings to the district if we join Hamden for required Adult Education offerings.
 - The group discussed adding a Drama course next year at the high school.
 - The committee will meet again on May 5, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at Central Office
- c. **Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report** – No report given

d. Policy Committee

1. First read of the 1000 Series – Community Relations Series

The Board discussed some concerns/possible changes in the 1000 Series for Mrs. Caldwell to revise.

2. Second read and approval of the Mission Series (0000)

Moved: to approve the Mission Series (0000)

Approved

MOVED: Randi Petersen
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Caldwell stated that they have begun the 3000 series and have received the 2000 series back from CAGE. Mrs. Caldwell reported that the 4000 series was received as well.

e. Building Committee

Mr. Adele reported that the building committee met this week. The Building Committee is holding meetings at the elementary schools to give reports/status at each school. This will be to promote the project and answer any questions the public may have. The public can attend any of the four meetings. The public does not have to go to the school/meeting at their child's school, and can go on whatever date may be convenient to them. These meetings are scheduled for:

- Monday, April 14, 2014 – Ridge Road
- Tuesday, April 15, 2014 – Clintonville
- Monday April 28, 2014 – Green Acres
- Tuesday, April 29, 2014 – Montowese

All of the above meetings will be from 6-7 p.m.

Information regarding this project is available at NHMSProject.com

5. ACES

Mrs. Clapp reported that today at ACES they worked on the school calendar. They have three different calendars to consider. Mrs. Clapp reported that they have named Dr. Thomas Danahey as Director of ACES, to replace Craig Edmonson. Dr. Danahey was Superintendent in Winchester, Connecticut. Dr. Danahey lives in West Hartford, Connecticut.

Mrs. Anderson stated that Mrs. Clapp was honored at ACES this month, and stated how proud the Board was to see her being honored for everything she has done for education over the years. Mrs. Clapp was also Person of the Week this week in the North Haven Courier.

6. North Haven PTA Council – No report, and will meet again the end of April

7. Enrollment

8. Superintendent's Report

1. Discussion of the Middle School Task Force

Dr. Cronin stated his plans to form a Middle School Task Force and is working with Mr. Piazza to form a committee with administrators, board members, teachers, parents, etc. Dr. Cronin will bring forth a list of names of people to the Board for this committee. Dr. Cronin stated that this committee would focus on elective courses, as well as length of the periods (what is sufficient time for each classes?) as well as discussions surrounding technology classes (woodworking, family and consumer science, technology education, etc.)

Mrs. Anderson suggested keeping this task force to approximately 6 people.

2. Discussion of the Athletic Committee

Dr. Cronin stated his plans to form an Athletic Committee. This would be a way to keep the Board up to date with what is going on in athletics.

Mrs. Anderson made a motion

Moved: to add an action time to add the approval of the Athletic Committee

Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Caldwell
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Moved: to approve the Athletic Committee

Approved

MOVED: Jennifer Caldwell
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 8
NAY: 1
ABSTAIN: 0

Mrs. Clapp voted against this motion

Alicia Clapp is against having an Athletic Committee when the Board did away with the Personnel Committee. Conversation continued regarding ongoing committees and ad hoc committees.

Randi Petersen, Goldie Adele as well as Anita Anderson will be on the athletic committee from the Board of Education.

Dr. Cronin wanted to further acknowledge the following retirees:

- June Pinto, social studies teacher at the High School, who also taught in our alternative school has been in the district for 33 years of service
- Donna Kilijanski, non-certified staff member has been in the district for 16 years
- Ralph Signore, custodian at the Middle school has been in the district for 27 years

9. Public Comments

- Tom Marak questioned who would be on a district safety committee and if there would be a teacher on it with regards to the Middle School or any other safety committee.
- Dot Logan thanked the Board for all of their hard work on the budget. Also Mrs. Logan suggested making public comments at the beginning of the Board of Education meetings
- Michelle Spader – reminded the public of an important town meeting on April 29, 2014 and the public has to vote at this meeting. It will be held at the North Haven High School. She stated that this vote is very important to go forward with the Middle School Project.

10. Executive Session

Motion: to enter into executive session

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Back in public session

1. To discuss legal matters
- 2 Approval of Non-renewal of Non-Tenured positions

Moved: to approve the non-renewal of Non-tenured positions.

These teachers are:

- Joshua Anderson – Ridge Road
- Anthony Benvenuto – North Haven Middle School
- Kristin Adelman – Green Acres
- Kate Ahearn – Ridge Road
- Anna Filosi – Clintonville
- Colette Grandpre – Ridge Road
- Tricia Hartley – Clintonville
- Michelle Lombardozi – Ridge Road
- Nicole Moon – Green Acres
- Tara Obuchowski – Clintonville
- Stacey O'Connor – Ridge Road
- Danielle Picano – Green Acres
- Lara Silvestro – Montowese
- Kaitlin Steyert – Ridge Road

MOVED: Matthew Kerzner

SECOND: Wesley O'Brien

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

- 3 Approval of non-renewal of Non-Tenured positions working under a one year contract for the 2013-2014 school year

Moved: to approve the non-renewal of Non-Tenured positions working under a one Year contract for the 2013-2014 school year

Approved

These teachers are:

- Marissa Chilelli – Montowese
- Brittany Czentnar – North Haven High School
- Jacquelyn Ladutko – North Haven Middle School
- Gavin Hartney – Clintonville

MOVED: Alicia Clapp

SECOND: Matthew Kerzner

AYE: 9

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ALL of these teachers will be notified in writing by May 1, 2014

- 4 Discussion and possible action concerning the Superintendent's Contract

11. Adjournment

Moved: to adjourn

Approved

MOVED: Alicia Clapp
SECOND: Matthew Kerzner
AYE: 9
NAY: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Anderson

Anita Anderson,
Chairman